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1. UPI STORY DATELINE PARIS APRIL 17 QUOTES FROM
INTERVIEW OF CHIEF FRENCH CENTRAL NARCOTICS OFFICE
WITH NEWSPAPER FRANCE-SOIR IN CONNECTION WITH RECENT
HEROIN SEIZURE PARIS AND ARRESTS THREE MAJOR TRAFFICKERS,
AS FOLLOWS:

2. " 'THE SEIZURE (OF 44 POUNDS OF PURE HEROIN)
LAST THURSDAY AT THE PARIS EAST RAILROAD STATION PROVES
THAT THERE ARE STILL SOME LABS IN EXISTENCE,' FRANCIOS
LE MOUEL, CHIEF OF THE CENTRAL NARCOTICS OFFICE
SAID IN AN INTERVIEW.

3. " 'THE DRUG CAME FROM MARSEILLE,' HE SAID."

4. " 'WE MUST REMAIN VIGILANT,' LE MOUEL SAID. 'JUST
ONE OF THESE LABORATORIES CAN FEED TENS OF THOUSANDS
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OF ADDICTS IN AMERICA AND IN FRANCE.

5. " 'IN THIS FIGHT, WE HAD UNTIL NOW A CAPITAL
ADVANTAGE -- THE 1972 DECISION OF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT
TO OUTLAW THE CULTIVATION OF POPPIES FROM WHICH MORPHINE
AND THEN HEROIN IS MADE,' LE MOUEL SAID.'

6. "HE SAID THAT IF, AS IS POSSIBLE, THIS LAW IS SOON
DROPPED IN TURKEY, 'IT WILL BE TO THE GREAT SATISFACTION
OF THE TRAFFICKERS.'"

7. WILL APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION AND FULLER REPORT,
REPEATING TO ANKARA, OTTAWA, BONN, STOCKHOLM,
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